



California Department of Fish and Game Game Bird Heritage Special Hunts Program 2010 Dove Hunt Opportunities

These hunts were developed in cooperation with private landowners, Department of Water Resources (DWR), U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the Southern Tulare County Sportsman's Association (STCSA) and the Department of Fish and Game. To allow a maximum number of hunters to participate, applicants and their party members may be drawn only once for all lottery dove hunts during the season. Any duplicate applications will be disqualified. To apply, fill out the 2010 Game Bird Heritage Special Hunts Dove Application and mail to GBH Special Hunts, 1812 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. Applications must be received by **Aug. 10, 2010**. You may download an application at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/uplandgame/gamebird/>

Cosumnes River Preserve, Sacramento Co. - The Cosumnes River Preserve is located on Highway 99 between Elk Grove and Galt. One morning hunt is scheduled for opening day on Sept. 1. This hunt can accommodate 20 hunters at the Dillard Road location. This is a hunting opportunity only, no special food crops were grown to attract doves. For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Management section, at (916) 358-2839.

Huron, Fresno Co. - This area is located near Huron on land owned by the USBR and managed by the DWR. Forty-five acres of safflower were grown for doves and other wildlife. Two hunts are scheduled for opening day (Sept. 1). **After Sept. 1, the entire area will be open to dove hunting, and a permit will not be required.** These hunts can accommodate 40 hunters, 20 in the morning and 20 in the afternoon. For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Management section, at (559) 243-4005, ext. 133.

Imperial Valley, Imperial Co. - This area is located on the east side of the Salton Sea. 25 fields are available and have been partially planted with food crops. **Access during the dove hunting season will be on a first-come, first-serve basis, no applications or permits required.** For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Management section, at (760) 922-4686.

Los Baños Wildlife Area, Merced Co. - This area will have three restricted areas available for hunting on Sept. 1, that can accommodate 100 hunters. A lottery will be available the night before the hunt from 6pm-9pm for hunters not drawn for a reservation. Reservations will be taken first and any remaining capacity on the restricted or free roam hunt area will be filled using the lottery. Permits to hunt will be issued at the area office ***starting two hours before shoot time until shoot time. Reservations will be void one hour before shooting time.*** After 12 PM, permits will be by self-registration and all the hunting areas are open to general use. Total capacity of the area is 150 hunters. The area will remain open for birding, sightseeing, fishing, frogging, and dog training, etc. However, camping will be restricted to the main parking lot Monday, August 31. For additional information, contact the DFG, Los Baños Wildlife Area, at (209) 826-0463.

Mendota Wildlife Area, Fresno Co. - This area will not be issuing reservations for the opening day of dove season. There may, however, be a limited number of vehicles issued parking permits for Lots #2, #21 and #22 on opening morning only. Permits will be issued at the checking station on a first come, first served basis. The check station will only be open September 1. For the remainder of the season, hunters may obtain permits from the self-registration kiosk located at the Highway 180 entrance. For additional information, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Mendota Wildlife Area, at (559) 655-4645.

Oakvale Ranch Memorial Junior Dove Hunt- New This Year! This Hunt is being held in Honor of three great men who recently passed in the tragic Helicopter accident earlier this year. Tom Stolberg, Kevin O'Connor and Clu Cotter always gave their best to the department and the public, that is why it gives us great pleasure to present to you this rare hunting opportunity in their Honor. The Hunt area is located four miles directly north of Eastman Lake on private property. The Hunt area is Oak Woodland/Meadow habitat and lies within an area with normally high dove densities. One hunt is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010, one-half hour before sunrise to 11AM. This hunt can accommodate 20 hunters. For additional information, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Management section, at (559) 243-4005, extension 133.

Pilibos Wildlife Area, Fresno Co. - The Pilibos Wildlife Area is located approximately 12 miles west of Mendota adjacent to the California Aqueduct. Approximately 60 acres of safflower were grown for doves and other wildlife. Two hunts are scheduled for opening day (Sept. 1) and two hunts on Sept. 2. These hunts can accommodate 50 hunters each day, 25 in the morning and 25 in the afternoon. After Sept. 2, the area (except for the closed zone) will be open to dove hunting. A permit is required and may be obtained at the self-registration booth located in the parking lot. For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Management section, at (559) 243-4005, ext. 133.

Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, San Diego Co. - This area is located in the eastern part of San Diego Co. between the towns of Jamul and Dulzura. Two hunts are scheduled for Sept. 4 and one morning hunt on Sept. 5. These hunts can accommodate 60 hunters per day, 30 in the morning and 30 in the afternoon. For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Management section, at (805) 965-3059.

Salt Slough Unit, North Grasslands Wildlife Area, Merced/Stanislaus Co. - This hunt area will be divided into three sections (northern, middle, and southern) with reservations being issued for 110 hunters for Sept. 1. Section selection will be made at the check station. Any space available at one-half hour before legal shoot time will be filled by non-reservation hunters. Section quotas will be filled until 12 p.m., after which the area will be open to free-roam hunting. For additional information, contact the DFG, Los Banos Wildlife Area, at (209) 826-0463.

Success Lake Wildlife Area, Tulare Co. - The Success Lake Wildlife Area is located approximately eight miles east of Porterville and consists of approximately 1,400 acres open to hunting on U.S Army Corps of Engineers' land. Approximately 130 acres of wheat were grown by the Southern Tulare County Sportsman's Association to provide feeding area for doves. There is no hunter quota for this area, and a permit is not required; however the area will be closed to dove hunting on the opening weekend of pheasant season (Nov. 13-14) and during the junior and disabled Veteran's pheasant hunts (Nov. 19-22). In addition, shooting hours for doves is 8:00 a.m. until sunset during pheasant season. For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Management section, at (559) 243-4005, ext. 133.

Tranquillity, Fresno Co. - This area is located approximately three miles northwest of Tranquillity on USBR land. Forty-five acres of safflower were grown for doves and other wildlife. Two hunts are scheduled for opening day (Sept. 1). These hunts can accommodate 40 hunters, 20 in the morning and 20 in the afternoon. After Sept. 1, the entire area will be open to dove hunting, and a permit will not be required. For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Management section, at (559) 243-4005, ext. 133.

Winton, Merced Co. - **Apprentice Hunt for Juniors only.** This area is located approximately six miles north of Winton, adjacent to the Merced River on private property. No special food crops were grown to attract doves, but the property lies within an area with normally high dove densities. One hunt is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010 in the morning. This hunt can accommodate 20 hunters. For additional information, contact the DFG, Wildlife Management section, at (559) 243-4005, ext. 133.



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2010 Dove Hunt Application

Please print clearly and complete each section. **Incomplete applications will be rejected all applications MUST have a phone number OR email.** All applicants must have a valid 2010-2011 California hunting license number on the application to be accepted. You may apply as a party of up to two, as long as all hunter names and hunting license numbers appear. Hunters may only apply **once**—either as a party leader or an additional hunter—and **any duplicate applications will be disqualified**. Non-hunters need not be declared on the application. Deadline to apply is **Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.** All random drawings will take place immediately following the deadline. Successful applicants will be notified by mail approximately one week after the drawing.

Hunter Information

Party Leader: _____

First	Last	License	DOB*
Address		Email	
City	St	Zip	Phone

Hunter #2: _____

First	Last	License	DOB*
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*DOB: Please include date of birth for any junior hunters.

Hunt Selection

To make your hunt selections please check the boxes for which you would like to apply. You may choose up to three (3) selections but will only be drawn for one hunt. Be prepared to attend any of the hunts for which you are applying. Juniors participating in Apprentice Junior hunts must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 18 years or older.

Cosumnes River Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 1 Dillard Rd	Salt Slough Unit	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 1
Huron	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 1 AM <input type="checkbox"/> Sep 1 PM	Tranquillity	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 1 AM <input type="checkbox"/> Sep 1 PM
Los Baños Wildlife Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 1 AM	Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 4 AM <input type="checkbox"/> Sep 4 PM
Pilibos Wildlife Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 1 AM <input type="checkbox"/> Sep 1 PM		<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 5 AM
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 2 AM <input type="checkbox"/> Sep 2 PM	Winton Apprentice Jrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 4
		Oakvale Ranch Memorial Apprentice Jrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Sep 4

For drawn hunters who need special accommodations, please contact the Wildlife Management Office listed for your hunt. Their contact information can be found on the Dove Hunt Opportunities page.

**Mail paper application to:
Department of Fish and Game
GBH Special Hunts
1812 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95811**

**For questions regarding the application or
drawing call: (916) 445-3463**